

(ii) Approval for Foreign equity participation up to 51% has been made automatic.

(iii) Constraints faced by the computer manufacturers in locating their units in the vicinity of metropolitan areas have been removed.

(iv) The upper ceiling limit on plant and machinery in respect of SSI units has been enhanced from Rs. 35 lakhs to Rs. 60 lakhs and to Rs. 75 lakhs in respect of SSI units exporting at least 30% of their production.

(v) Broad-banding has been allowed for the optimal use of capital equipment installed.

(vi) The minimum percentage of value addition for exports has been reduced to 15% to boost export to hard currency areas.

(vii) The procedure for grant of advance licence has been simplified. Government has proposed to speed up issue of advance licences within 15 days of the filing of application by the exporting unit.

(viii) The EXIM Scrip in case of export of electronic items including computers has been made 40% of the FOB value.

(ix) The EXIM Scrip under the advance licence scheme has also been increased to 30% of net foreign exchanged earned. This is applicable to Export Processing Zones (EPZs) and Export Oriented Units (EOUs).

Issue of Industrial Licences

5612. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether before starting the new industries/factories it is absolutely necessary to get clearance first from Ministry of Environment and Forests;

(b) the number of new industries in which production was delayed due to the delay causes in getting clearance from the said Ministry during the last two years; and

(c) the suggestions under the consideration of Government to streamline it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J. KURIEN): (a) As per the Statement on Industrial Policy tabled in both Houses of Parliament on 24th July, 1991, industrial licensing has been abolished for all projects except for a short list of industries as long as they conform to the locational policy. The location of the industrial projects will continue to be regulated by Zoning and Land Use Regulation and Environmental Legislation.

When a Letter of Intent (LOI) is issued for setting up of an industrial unit requiring industrial licence, a standard condition is incorporated that they should obtain clearance from the State Pollution Control Board. A Letter of Intent is converted into industrial Licence only after the conditions in the LOI are fulfilled.

(b), and (c). The Rewarded Conversion of LOI into Industrial Licence are effected after Administrative Ministries have made their recommendations. The information regarding delays in conversion of LOI into Industrial Licence for want of clearance from State Pollution Control Boards is not being centrally maintained in Department of Industrial Development.

[English]

Growth Centre in Durg, Madhya Pradesh

5614. SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for setting up of a Growth Centre at Durg, Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the latest position thereof;

(c) the details of facilities provided to Drug during the last three years; and

(d) the amount of money sanctioned for the development of this Centre during the last three years and also the amount spent, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IND'STRY (PROF.P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (d). Under the new growth centre scheme announced in June 1988, out of the six growth centres allotted to Madhya Pradesh, it has been decided to set-up a growth centre in Durg District. The growth centre would be endowed with adequate infrastructural facilities particularly Power, Water, Telecommunication and banking. An amount of Rs. 1 crore was released to the Government of Madhya Pradesh during the financial year 1990-91 as Central Assistance for the Durg growth centre.

Operation of Cable T.V. Network

5615. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of licences issued for the operation of Cable T.V. network throughout the country during the last two years;

(b) whether there are any foreign companies operating in this field; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

New Sugar Factories in Maharashtra

5616. SHRI UTTAMRAO DEORAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received through Government of Maharashtra and also received independently direct to establish new sugar factories in the co-operative sector in Maharashtra;

(b) names of the proposed sugar factories which applied for industrial licence; and

(c) the policy of the Government regarding issue of licences to these applicants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). The number and names of the proposals received during the current sugar season (i.e. from 1st October, 1990 onwards) upto 31.7.1991 for setting up of new Cooperative Sugar Factories in Maharashtra are given in the Statement enclosed.